

Remarks

In response to the restriction requirement mailed June 20, 2007, Applicants hereby elect the Group I claims to be prosecuted by way of the present application. That is, Applicants elects claims 1-27 for prosecution in the present application, and the non-elected Group II claims (claims 28-38) are shown as "withdrawn" status on the attached claims listing. Please also note that Applicants have amended claims 21-23 to correct a drafting error (the amendment replaces "rigidifying" component with "stiffening" component in these claims).

The Examiner also required species election, from the listed species wherein the rigidifying or stiffening component is: (a) polymer/polymer blend; (b) wax or blend; and (c) an adhesive. Applicant hereby elects (a), polymer/polymer blend species. Applicants were directed to indicate which claims are readable on the species election, and Applicants submit that claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-21 and 23-27 do so.

This election is made **without traverse**. Applicants specifically reserve the right to seek patent protection for non-elected subject matter by divisional application.

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